

CAPTAIN ANDREW RUSSELL—HEIRS OF.

[To accompany Bill H. R. No. 689.]

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Mr. VANCE, from the Committee on Revolutionary Claims, made the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Revolutionary Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of the heirs and representatives of the late Captain Andrew Russell, of the Virginia line, on continental establishment, in the war of the revolution, praying half pay for life for the services of their said ancestor, have had the same under careful consideration and beg leave to report :*

That they find, by undisputed record evidence, that the said Captain Russell enlisted in the 5th Virginia regiment in 1778, and took the oath of allegiance and was commissioned as captain in said regiment on the 12th day of May, 1778, and served to the end of the war. This is proven by the official records in the Department of State, as the following extract from a letter from the Assistant Secretary to Mr. Lovejoy will show: "In compliance with your inquiry relative to the services of Captain Andrew Russell, I have the honor to state, that upon due search being made, his name is found upon the original list of officers who served until the end of the war of American independence in the Virginia line, or were deranged by acts of Congress." And it also appears to your committee, from evidence of the same authentic character, that towards the close of the war Captain Russell was "left out" by the reduction of his regiment. It is also shown that he received land from the State of Virginia, and his heirs received land also from the United States, which they could not legally have obtained unless his allegation of service had been proven before the department. As it appears that neither he nor his heirs ever received half pay or commutation, and as your committee are of opinion that he is justly entitled to the same, they report the accompanying bill, and earnestly recommend its passage.

